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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7460

BILL NUMBER: HB 1414

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Notice of utility service termination.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a utility that provides utility service to a tenant occupied premises to notify the owner of the premises if: (1) fees or charges for utility service provided to the premises are not paid within 30 days after they become due; or (2) the utility terminates or plans to terminate service to the premises. The bill also specifies the method and time by which a utility must provide the required notice. The bill provides that a lien that would otherwise attach to a tenant occupied premises for nonpayment of fees or charges for utility service may not attach unless the utility provided the owner of the premises with the required notice of the tenant's delinquency.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill allows the IURC to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill. The overall impact will be minimal, and also will have no direct effect on state expenditures due to the statutory funding mechanisms in place for the IURC. The operating budgets of the IURC and OUCC are funded by regulated utilities operating in Indiana. The IURC determines the rate at which to bill the utilities based on the two agencies' budgets, less reversions, divided by the total amount of gross intra-state operating revenue received by the regulated utilities for the previous fiscal year. Based on this formula, utilities are currently billed approximately 0.15% of their gross intra-state operating revenues to fund the IURC and OUCC. In FY 2006, fees from the utilities and fines generated approximately \$11.8 M.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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